Molecular orbital theory

Molecular orbital Theory (MOT)

Basis on following assumptions (LCAO)

1) When two atoms approach each other, their atomic orbitals lose their identity and combine to form new orbitals called molecular orbitals (MO)
2) The MOs are occupied and are associated with the nuclei of all the atoms making molecule
3) Only AOs of about the same energy and same symmetry interact significantly

→ positive overlap (constructive overlap)

1) No of AOs undergoes = No of MOs formed
2) Two type of MOs are formed
3) Like AO are formed. Similarly MOs are formed viz. s, p, d, f... (Radial function, Angular function, Total function)

2) Formation of MO by LCAO Method → Linear combination of AO

a) s-s overlap

b) s-p overlap

c) p-p overlap

p-p combination of atomic orbitals.

p-p combinations giving σ bonding.

d) p-d overlap

p-d combinations of atomic orbitals.

e) Consider N₂ formation by MOT

Bond order = ½[BMOe − ABMOe] (BO)

= ½[8 − 2] = 3

N₂ (MO)

BO(N₂) = ½[8 − 2] = 3

only for Diatomic molecule (homonuclear)

① Energy order (ES > 14)

② Energy order (ES ≤ 14)

Homonuclear Diatomic Species ES ≤ 14

due to s-p Mixing

Energy order (ES ≤ 14) is obtained due to (s-p Mixing)

③ s-p interaction

Same symmetry interacts → σ interacts with σ

Diff. symmetry interacts → π interacts with π

Due to interaction :- MO having less Energy will have more Energy & MO having high Energy will have less Energy

ss-sp interaction

Extent of s-p interaction high

Atoms	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne
ΔE_{s-p} in (eV)	1.8	2.8	4.5	5.3	6.0	15.0	20.5	26.7

After s-p Mixing

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Short trick

Total e⁻	B.O
1	0.5
2	1
3	0.5
4	0
5	0.5
6	1
7	0.5
8	0
9	0.5
10	1

Total e⁻	B.O
11	1.5
12	2
13	2.5
14	max 3
15	2.5
16	2
17	1.5
18	1
19	0.5
20	0

$O_2 \Rightarrow B.O = 2$

$N_2^+ \Rightarrow 2.5$

$N_2^- \Rightarrow 2.5$

$O_2^+ \rightarrow 3$

$O_2^- \rightarrow 2.5$

④ Total e⁻ even → Dia except (10e⁻, 16e⁻) → Para

2 unpaired in π*

2 unpaired e⁻ in π*

⑤ Total e⁻ odd → Para

B.O ∝ Bond strength ∝ Bond stability ∝ Bond Energy ∝ 1/Bond length

⑥ If B.O is same, species with less antibonding e⁻'s more stable.

O_2^+ (15e⁻, B.O = 2.5) stable

N_2^+ (13e⁻, B.O = 2.5)

	Total e⁻	B.O	
CO	14	3	:C≡O:
NO	15	2.5	N≡O
NO⁺	14	3	
CN⁻	14	3	

Isoelectronic Species

H-Bonding

Dipole-Dipole Interaction

(i) Energy is 4 to 42 KJ/mole

(ii) Strength of H-Bond ∝ ΔEN

(iii) Type of H-Bond

→ Intermolecular H-Bond → B/w 2 molecules (same or Different)

→ Intramolecular H-Bond → within same molecule

→ only feasible when 5 or 6-membered Cyclization takes place.

CH_3ONH_2 is highly soluble in H_2O?

Sol:- Because of inter H-Bond

Inter H-Bond

Intra H-Bond

(iv) H_2O

Vacant (or void or interstitial)

Ice (cage like)

In a given volume

no. of H_2O molecule in liq from > no. of molecule in solid (ice)

mass of liq H_2O > mass of ice

So, $d_{liq\,H_2O} > d_{ice}$

so, ice floats on liq